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5-member panel in-charge of preservation of Bengaluru's trees has not bothered to have a meeting since last October

TREE BODY PROBLEM

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The five-member committee responsible for preservation of Bengaluru's trees has not met since October last year, BM has learned.

Appointed by the state government under the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act (KPTA), 1976, the Tree Authority (TA) is responsible for the preservation of trees in the city by regulating felling of trees and planting adequate numbers of trees to restore ecological balance.

It is also responsible for carrying out a census of the existing trees, specifying standards on the number and kind of trees that localities and various campuses should have.

According to officials from the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), the last meeting of TA was held on October 17, 2023.

"After October last year, a meeting was called in April this year, however, members could not attend due to election duties. It was then convened post-elections, but there was zero attendance due to other

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"Even though the members met in October last year, it was only to meet the requirement under KTPA. The functions were not fulfilled and there were no deliberations —Source

Waste transfer order

Solid Waste Management Ltd plans to construct 14 transfer stations, eventually stop use of compactors

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For years, the practice of carrying waste in auto tippers has raised a stink in the city due to the trail of leachate it leaves behind. Now to reduce such unscientific and unhygienic transfer of waste, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) is planning to set up 14 waste transfer stations in the city each with a capacity of 200 tonnes per day (TPD).

The entity will develop 11 new large waste transfer stations in the city. Currently, one such waste transfer station has been operational in Ejipura.

With the practice of auto tippers shifting waste to compactors in the open and leaking leachate onto roads, the new practice is expected to improve the blackspot image of Brand Bengaluru.

Of the 14 stations, two (Binnipete and Mahadevapura) are under construction, three (Gandhi Nagar, Govindraja Nagar, and Shivajinagar) and another one has been planned in Jayanagar, seven new ones have been planned under Swachh Bharat Mission grants. According to BSWML officials, 90 per cent of the work has been completed for the Binnypet transfer station.

To establish a large waste transfer station,

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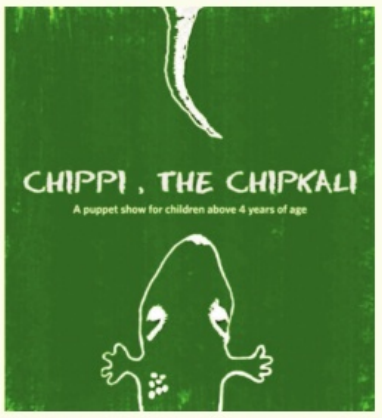
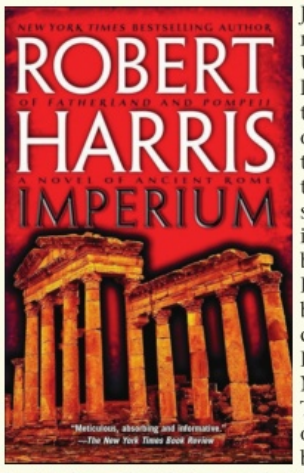
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Puppet show



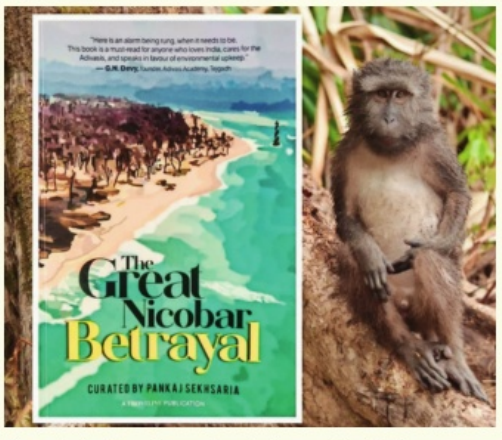
Get going on an exciting puppetry journey with Chippi, a playful baby lizard, with "Chippi, the Chipkali," a puppet show for kids above 4 years of age. Follow her as she embarks on a quest to reclaim her lost tail, facing teasing and name-calling along the way. Will Chippi discover the secret to regaining her tail? Find out in this heartwarming tale of self-discovery, specially crafted for children!. **Where: Ranga Shankara When: June 9, 3:30 pm**

02 Cicero's biography



Join the June meetup of the Urban Solace book lovers' club for the book review of "Imperium," the first novel of a trilogy about the struggle for power in ancient Rome by Robert Harris. Harris lures readers back in time to the compelling life of Roman Senator Marcus Cicero. The re-creation of a vanished biography written by his household slave and right-hand man, Tiro, Imperium, follows Cicero's extraordinary struggle to attain supreme power in Rome. **Where: Urban Solace; When: June 9, 11.30 am to 1 pm**

03 Insightful read



Tune into the discussion between Pankaj Sekhsaria and Samar Halarnkar as they discuss the contemporary issues that threaten to destroy the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the book "The Great Nicobar Betrayal," curated by Pankaj Sekhsaria. The book is a catalogue of the man-made catastrophe that lurks on the horizon, and the discussion promises to be insightful. **Where: Champaca Bookstore; When: June 9, 5 pm**

Peaceful protest, powerful message

Merchants and Residents' Welfare Association members stage a silent protest holding placards against the installation of a signal jammer near Jail Circle at Parappana Agrahara Jail on Saturday in Bengaluru. The signal jammer allegedly disrupted their work, like communication, online transactions, and others

BU students in a spot due to delay in 'printed' marks cards

Students ask university authorities to intervene & provide printed cards soon, as this delay upends their future plans

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Many students from Bangalore University (BU) who completed their undergraduate degrees in 2021 and postgraduate degrees in 2022 are still waiting for their printed mark sheets. This issue has become a major concern for them, as these marks cards are crucial documents for students for their future academic and job opportunities. The delay, caused by the university's failure to initiate the printing process, has left many students waiting for over a year.

A concerned Bachelor in Education student told the Bangalore Mirror, "I completed my B.Ed degree, and the final year results were announced six months ago. Unfortunately, I have yet to receive my printed marks card despite multiple requests to the university. This delay is hindering my ability to pursue higher education or seek employment."

Sources said that the university has registered with the National Academic Depository (NAD), allowing students to download their marks cards directly from the website. "However, the university has not issued printed marks cards, citing the NAD registration as the reason. As a result, students are required to download their marks cards online, but they continue to wait for the printed versions."

Frustrated by the delay, students are now urging university authorities to intervene and provide the much-needed printed marks cards. "Students are feeling neglected as their efforts to contact the university have repeatedly resulted in being informed that the printing process has not even begun. The university's suggestion for students to download soft copies instead has only added to their frustration," said a student.

Printing and distribution

Officials said that BU has already uploaded soft copies of 1,26,066 marks cards. With 245 affiliated colleges offering undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, each semester sees about 30,000 students. Given this volume, printing and distributing over two lakh cards each semester would incur huge costs. Reacting to this, CS Anand Kumar, Registrar (Evaluation), BU, said, "Degree course marks cards are being uploaded to the NAD software, making access easier for students in today's digital era. We have requested government permission to print them. Upon approval, we will proceed with printing and distribution."

Students can download their marks cards directly from the National Academic Depository's (NAD) website

Facilitating easier access

It may be noted that the NAD was introduced by the central government in 2017 to simplify students' access to their marks cards. According to the Press Information Bureau, "Academic institutions would be responsible for the authenticity of data digitally uploaded by them into the system. The NAD will register educational institutions/boards/eligibility assessment bodies, students, and other users/verifying entities like banks, employer companies, government agencies, and academic institutions. It will provide a digital or printed copy of the academic award with security features to the students or other authorised users. NAD shall maintain the authenticity, integrity, and confidentiality of its database. Requests for access to academic awards, for example, from potential employers and academic institutions would be only on the basis of the consent of the student."

Authenticity concerns

Presently, 2,452 higher education institutions across the country are registered with NAD. These universities directly upload marks cards to NAD, acting as a 'digital locker' for students. This enables students to download and print their marks cards at any time without requiring the institution's signature. It's an entirely digital process aimed at enhancing convenience. However, sources said that despite these advancements, fake marks cards are still being generated using the same technology, leading to hesitancy among companies in recognising them.

Traffic violations spike: Data reveals troubling trends in B'luru

376 killed, 1,736 injured in more than 2,000 road accidents till May: Traffic Police data

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File photo of city traffic police officers penalising traffic offenders

More than two thousand road accidents were reported in Bengaluru till May, according to the latest Bengaluru Traffic Police data.

Out of the 2,040 road accidents reported in five months in Bengaluru, 368 of them were fatal, and 1,672 were non-fatal. According to the police, 376 people were killed in these accidents, and 1,736 people were injured.

The Bengaluru Traffic Police also released Bengaluru Violations Data for 2024, which showed a staggering total of 39,10,980 violations recorded in the city. According to the police, reckless driving still remains a significant concern, with 1,527 violations reported, coupled with 2,091 cases of overspeeding. These two violations contribute to many accidents on the road.

The data shows an alarming 5,433 instances of drink and drive cases, emphasising the need for stricter enforcement and awareness campaigns. The city also recorded violations such as carrying excess passengers with 585 cases and refusing to go for hire with 1,431 cases. Additionally, there were 1,330 cases of demanding excess fare. The police also recorded 2,710 cases of driving without licence. A significant number of vehicles with defective registration number plates (87,277 cases) and defective silencers (640 cases) were also caught by the police.

Moreover, a staggering 2,46,284 instances of jumping traffic signals were also reported. With 4,36,933 cases, wrong parking emerged as a prevalent issue, disrupting traffic flow and causing congestion. Notably, there were 57,246 cases of parking on footpaths and 5,545 instances of parking at intersections.

Helmet violations remain a major concern, with 16,71,500 riders and 10,08,577 pillion riders caught without wearing helmets. The data also highlights 1,83,321 cases of driving without a safety belt. Other violations include 48,947 cases of using mobile phones while driving, 195 instances of carrying lengthy material, and 155 cases of carrying excess passengers in goods vehicles. There were also 5,046 cases of riding on footpaths and 33 instances of zigzag driving.

In the recorded data, two-wheelers accounted for a significant number of violations, with a total of 33,32,346 cases. Following them, tempos have recorded 12,033 violations. Light motor vehicles also show a substantial number of violations, totaling 5,33,682. Autorickshaws and goods vehicles contribute to the count with 6,894 and 5,227 violations, respectively. Additionally, buses also recorded 20,798 violations.

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Cauvery Phase 5 reaches final stages amid labour issues

BWSSB is conducting hydro-testing and targets water supply to 110 villages by July

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The long-awaited Cauvery fifth phase is nearing fruition. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has concluded the 5th phase of the Cauvery water supply project and is currently undergoing hydro-testing. The objective is to provide water to 110 villages within the BBMP limits.

A senior official said, "A proposal has been forwarded to the state government by BWSSB, requesting the appointment of extra personnel and equipment for ensuring uninterrupted water supply. Presently, BWSSB is providing 1,450 MLD of Cauvery water daily to the city. The project's completion is anticipated by June 25, with water distribution to follow shortly after. A hydraulic test has also been conducted by BWSSB to verify pipeline integrity and stable water pressure. Additionally, a team from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will inspect the project. All necessary arrangements have been made to guarantee a seamless water supply, and BWSSB is prepared to initiate water distribution by the first week of July."

The water supply project for 110 villages within BBMP limits encountered delays due to labour strikes involving workers from Bihar, Assam, and Andhra Pradesh. BWSSB now targets completing the project by July 7, originally planned for an earlier date. The strike caused a decrease in water supply from 1,450 MLD to 775 MLD. In response, BWSSB set up a helpline for public complaints. About 4 lakh households in these villages suffer from the strike's impact on water supply. BWSSB is actively resolving the issue to ensure the project's timely completion and to restore regular water supply.

Project to deliver 775 MLD of Cauvery water, funded by JICA loan

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–Senior offical

BWSSB Chairman Dr Ram Prasath Manohar V said, "All tasks of the 5th phase of the Cauvery water supply project have been finalised as of the end of May. Currently, hydro-testing is underway in the pipelines. These processes are set to conclude by June 25, and following discussions with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, arrangements are being made to commence water supply from the first week of July."

At present, 48,000 households have been successfully connected, with an additional 3.50 lakh households expected to connect soon. In the second week of June, BWSSB will commence water supply to 110 villages under this initiative. Officials will establish camps in these areas to facilitate the optimal utilisation of Cauvery water. Citizens can apply for connections at these camps, and BWSSB has also announced the acceptance of online applications. Furthermore, awareness programs will be conducted within the villages to inform and encourage citizens to apply for connections. BWSSB has ensured arrangements to provide connections to all eligible households in these villages. The Cauvery water supply project, a part of the 5th phase, is underway with financial support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project aims to deliver 775 MLD (million litres per day) of water from the Cauvery River to 110 villages. Initially approved in 2017, the project's estimated cost is Rs 5,550 crore, with JICA providing Rs 4,661 crore as a loan. The state government and BWSSB will contribute Rs 444.50 crore each towards the remaining cost. BWSSB will repay the loan over 10 years.

A source mentioned that BWSSB has proposed to the state government to recruit more staff to manage the water supply in newly included villages. The proposal aims to hire 380 to 400 personnel, including engineers, office staff, and watermen, to ensure efficient system operation. The government is currently reviewing the proposal, and upon approval, BWSSB will start the recruitment process.

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Flooded RUB
RV Vidyaniketan

Near RV Engineering College, the Railway Under Bridge (RUB) is experiencing drainage overflow. This issue is causing the drainage water to mix with the water in the RUB, leading to a foul smell and mosquito breeding.

Pedestrian overload
Kempegowda road

The footpath near Mysore Bank Circle, is constantly crowded with pedestrians and vehicular traffic, especially around Kaveri Bhavan and the Civil Court areas, leading to its deterioration.

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BBMP's SHE toilet project gains momentum

BBMP implements SHE toilets through a PPP model, incorporating IoT and touch-free technology for enhanced sanitation

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BBMP's novel project to establish dedicated toilets for women, known as the SHE toilet project, is progressing rapidly. Out of the 100 locations planned, BBMP is about to finalise bids for 75 locations.

The BBMP's Solid Waste Management (SWM) department had initially planned to install 100 SHE toilets for women across the city. Beyond gender-specific provisions, these facilities will offer various amenities catering to women's needs. BBMP officials have reported that 75 locations are being approved in the tender stage and nearly 25 sites are undergoing retendering.

The SHE toilets are part of a public-private partnership (PPP) model, with BBMP not allocating any funds for the project. Instead, BBMP will lease their land for the construction of the toilets, and after 14 years, ownership will revert to BBMP.

"We plan to construct SHE toilets majorly in shopping areas like commercial street, MG road, the garment industry in Peenya, IT-BT areas which serve the female workforce population. We will be giving BBMP land to the bidders and they will construct the toilet. The bidder will use the toilet walls to publish advertising and BBMP will benefit from ground rent and advertising tax. BBMP will plan the construction of toilets on footpaths with sufficient space leaving 2-2.5m space. We will also consider areas with adjacent parks." said a senior BBMP official.

The SHE toilets will have feeding room,changing room, washrooms, sanitation room with charging accessories, sanitisation room, automatic sensor machine, feedback machine & SOS facilities. The Palike aims to incorporate IoT technology into the construction. Bidders are required to include features such as a smart automatic toilet seat, dual flushing option, nozzle self-cleaning function, and water temperature adjustment. Additionally, waterless urinals and touch-free systems are mandated. BBMP also seeks mobile app-based toilet management and user entry monitoring, along with the inclusion of ITS-based stink sensor devices and Person counter systems for operation.

Double-stack dwarf container trains for SWR

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The South Western Railway's (SWR) Bengaluru division is considering the operation of double-stack dwarf container (DSDC) trains, a first for the region. To facilitate this change, SWR has initiated the process of reconstructing several Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) and has issued a tender for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) at a cost of Rs 93 lakhs.

The DPR aims to assess the feasibility of running DSDC trains on SWR tracks and to determine the reconstruction requirements for ROBs to accommodate the necessary vertical clearance. Typically, DSDC trains require a vertical clearance of 4877 mm, whereas existing ROBs provide only 4000mm clearance.

The introduction of DSDC trains is expected to significantly enhance SWR's freight capacity, potentially increasing it by 300 Metric tonnes per rake of DSDC. The first DSDC train was introduced by a private container train operator from Reliance Rail Terminal, Kanalus (PRTK) to Kribhco Infrastructure Limited, Pali (KIIP) in 2018.

A senior SWR official stated, "We are in the process of eliminating level crossings and replacing them with ROBs/RUBs. At 26 locations, we plan to eliminate LCs entirely, with 19 new ROBs and 7 reconstructed to accommodate DSDC trains. We are currently considering operating up to two pairs of trains connecting Mangalore and Mumbai Port, with four container depots in Bengaluru located at Whitefield, Hosur, Mallur, and Devanguddi."

In pursuit of the national goal of transporting 6 million tonnes of freight daily, Karnataka has achieved an annual freight volume of 2.2 million tonnes in the last year. SWR has set a target of 2.4 million tonnes for the current year.

Despite the challenges, Indian Railways' freight business has been on the rise. On March 15, 2024, IR surpassed a single-day freight loading capacity of 1500 MT, exceeding the previous record of 1512 MT in 2022-2023. SWR reported a freight loading of 45.32 MT until February 2024, marking an 8.60 per cent increase from the previous year's 41.73 MT.

SWR's services have become a preferred transportation option for automobile manufacturers, facilitating the shipment of various commodities including iron ore, cement, steel, minerals, oil, fertiliser, RMSP, coal, food grains, and containers.

Monsoon closure sparks tiger conservation debate

Wildlife experts and officials clash over tourist access amid ecological concerns in K'taka

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"The NTCA circular states that the period of closure has to be decided by state governments, based on local prevailing conditions
–official, Karnataka Forest Department

With the onset of the monsoon, core zones of many major tiger reserves in the country will remain closed for tourism. According to a circular issued by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) a few years ago, a technical committee recommended the closure of tiger reserves for a minimum of three months, extending up to five months, considering aspects such as the breeding period of wild animals, especially tigers, the condition of forest roads during the monsoon, and the safety of tourists and visitors.

"Monsoon season is a critical breeding period for many wild animals, including tigers and other keystone species. The idea behind NTCA's guideline is to allow animals to be stress-free and engage in these activities. It is an important aspect to consider for better ecological restoration. However, no tiger reserves in Karnataka are closed during the monsoon, giving preference to tourism over conservation," said a city-based wildlife conservationist.

"Wherever the number of animals is higher, it should help. Traffic movement inside safari areas in Bandipur and Nagrhole is bound to disturb wild animals, especially tigers. Core zones should be closed," said Rahul Bavaji, a wildlife activist.

However, officials from the Karnataka Forest Department say tourism zones in tiger reserves are better regulated in Karnataka. The department claims that the density of wild animals is higher in these zones compared to areas not open for tourism.

"An important aspect to consider is that tourism zones across all tiger reserves in Karnataka are much smaller. While nearly 25% of the tiger reserves' areas in northern states are open to tourism, in Karnataka, we have less than 10% of tiger reserves open to tourists. Moreover, we have found that the density of wild animals in Nagarhole and Bandipur tiger reserves is better in the tourism zone, showing that breeding is not impacted due to tourism. This can be due to better protection and waterholes facility," said an official from KFD.

Activists argue that tourism should be closed during the monsoon, also keeping in mind the safety of visitors. Rainfall transforms the landscape into treacherous terrain, and roads might become slippery, flooded, or prone to landslides, increasing the risk of accidents.

"The NTCA circular states that the period of closure has to be decided by state governments, based on local prevailing conditions. The issue of treacherous terrain and risk to tourists applies to parks in the northern parts of the country where forest roads become too swampy, and it becomes risky to venture inside. States in the southern part of the country do not close the reserves for tourism as the terrain is different," said the KFD official.

Some experts point out that it is a tricky situation concerning the activities of eco-development committees in these reserves.

"Eco-development committees use revenue from tourism for various local development activities, including conservation. If we stop tourism for months at a stretch, it will impact these activities," added Bavaji.

Prajwal Revanna taken home for 'mahazar'

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sex video scandal in Karnataka took Prajwal Revanna, the prime accused in the case, to his home in Holenarasipur, Hassan district, to conduct a spot 'mahazar' on Saturday. The spot mahazar process involves detailing the crime scene in the presence of the accused, and documenting the facts and observations made by the investigation officer.

Former JD-S MP Prajwal Revanna, grandson of ex-Prime Minister HD Devegowda, was transported in a Quick Response Team (QRT) vehicle to avoid media attention. Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) officers accompanied the SIT team.

Bhavani Revanna, also under investigation by the SIT in an alleged kidnapping case involving a victim of the sex video scandal, was not allowed to meet her son at the SIT facility. She has denied her involvement in the case and refused to answer questions from the SIT, even after they played an audio conversation between her and the other accused. —IANS

Murder, dismemberment, river disposal

In a harrowing incident, Madhav Rao has been charged with the brutal murder and dismemberment of his acquaintance, KV Srinath, whose remains were allegedly disposed of in the Pinakini River near Bellathur. The shocking event, occurring between May 28 and 29, came to light after Rao's arrest. Srinath, a 34-year-old development officer at Margadarsi Chit Funds, had known Rao for two years, with their relationship strained over an alleged Rs 5 lakh debt and rumors of Srinath having an affair with Rao's wife. On May 28, Srinath left for work but never returned, prompting his wife to file a missing person report. CCTV footage revealed Srinath entering Rao's home in Vijinapura, KR Pura, but not leaving. Bloodstains were found in Rao's residence, leading to his arrest in Andhra Pradesh, where he confessed to the crime. The investigation continues.

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NEIGHBOURLY SCRUTINY

New tenants have moved to two adjacent apartments. While the new occupants were busy with settling down, their respective pets had come out to take a measure of each other.

The picture was clicked by reader **Shreya Oruganti**

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Thigalarapalya Road damage: Unsafe crossings and pothole perils

Persistent neglect of road infrastructure raises safety concerns and impedes daily life

As time passes, the intricate road network in Peenya Thigalarapalya road unveils a concerning reality: what were once essential pathways connecting communities have transformed into symbols of hazards and frustrations. Each junction in this locality echoes the grievances of residents and tells a tale of neglect. The state of the roads in Peenya Thigalarapalya is concerning, not just limited to the main road but extending to every cross. From Manju Shree Garments to Mubarak's school, the condition of the roads on the right side is particularly problematic.

The poor road conditions in Thigalarapalya have been a long-standing issue, worsened by the prolonged road digging for water pipe laying, which has caused significant damage and inconvenience to residents and motorists. Despite multiple complaints, the government has not given adequate attention to the main route or the smaller roads and crosswalks, leading to ongoing challenges for motorists and pedestrians alike. This neglect has had extensive effects on the daily lives of the community members in Thigalarapalya. Another resident highlighted the dangers posed by the uneven and pothole-filled road surfaces, emphasising that each step taken on these roads puts individuals at risk of injury. The hazardous conditions are particularly challenging for motorcyclists and cyclists who must navigate around the craters, leading to uncertainty and potential accidents. Beyond safety concerns, the deteriorating roadways also pose significant challenges for local businesses and trade. Delivery trucks struggle to manoeuvre through the damaged roads, resulting in delays that impact productivity. Moreover, the poor road conditions discourage customers from visiting local businesses, leading to financial losses for these establishments.

Despite multiple complaints, the government has not given adequate attention to the main route or the smaller roads and crosswalks

Repairing the roads in Peenya Thigalarapalya road should be the authorities' top priority, given the loud and clear public outcry. Swift and decisive action is necessary to address the long-standing complaints of the locals and alleviate the challenges arising from the outdated infrastructure. It's crucial to acknowledge and take seriously the concerns of the residents; otherwise, continued negligence will further deteriorate the neighbourhood's infrastructure.

— Krishna Thakkar

The dire condition of Thigalarapalya Road

DID YOU KNOW?

Mysore has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first city in India to modernise its bus stand under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Reconstruction Mission (JNNURM). The City Bus Stand (CBS) was upgraded at a cost of Rs 11.50 crore and the project was completed within an impressive timeframe of nine months. This modernized bus stand is expected to enhance the urban transport infrastructure and improve the commuting experience for residents and visitors, marking a notable advancement in the city's urban development efforts.

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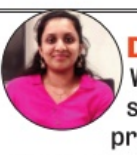
What I hope from the new government is an improvement in infrastructure, particularly the highways. They need to fix the large potholes, which can cause accidents and injuries. When it rains, these potholes fill with water, leading to various problems and creating heavy traffic. Addressing this issue is crucial for the safety and convenience of everyone.

Aryan Jain, BM Reader
Our roads should be as good as those in foreign countries. This way, foreigners will see our country as well-developed and progressive, making it a more attractive destination for visitors.

Rahul Menon, BM Reader
Farmers deserve fair treatment and greater support through improved policies. They have faced enough difficulties with their livelihoods being exploited. Additionally, the country needs a better digital transformation with enhanced services on online platforms.



Diya Kiran, BM Reader
With the new government, I expect smoother operations compared to previous years. I also hope there will be less discrimination against lower classes, which remains a significant issue in the country, especially after the recent Ayodhya incident.

Janvi Chopra, BM Reader
I expect the new government to loosen its divisive agenda and adopt a more secular approach, especially since it is a coalition government, which should reduce bias. I also want them to fulfill the promises made during their third campaign rally. Additionally, I hope the government focuses on improving digital infrastructure in rural areas.

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THE SUNDAY READ

Rescued trekkers being brought to Dehradun on Wednesday

Tragic trail

Ifs and buts weigh down families, friends of 22 trekkers caught in blizzard

Five days after the freak weather incident that saw the death of nine trekkers from Karnataka in Uttarakhand, ifs and buts still weigh down families and friends of 22 trekkers who got caught in the blizzard.

"You know, Sindhu was not planning to go for this trek. But when her friend and fellow member of Karnataka Mountaineering Association (KMA), Asha Sudhakar insisted that Sindhu also come, she decided to go eventually," N R Satheesan, Sindhu's brother-in-law and Thrissur Congress Committee general secretary, told PTI.

Sindhu, a 46-year-old techie and her 71-year-old friend Asha, one of the oldest women trekkers of Karnataka, were among the nine who died on June 3. Asha was accompanied by her husband S Sudhakar, also 71 years old, who survived the ordeal.

As for Sindhu, a native of Palakkad settled in Bengaluru, she is survived by her husband, who incidentally also used to go on treks with her every now and then, and her two sons – one of whom just completed his undergraduate course this year while the other is pursuing a course in hotel management in Udupi.

As soon as he heard the news, Satheesan said he rushed to Bengaluru to be at his brother's side as he received the body. Satheesan said Sindhu was free-spirited, energetic and adventurous and really enjoyed trekking. All the trekkers who went on this trip were experienced – they have been trekking for at least six years, said Suma Sarjapur, 48, wife of one of the survivors, 52-year-old Madhu Kiran.

"My husband has been going on treks with some of them, on and off, for the last couple of years," said Sarjapur.

Incidentally, Sarjapur said her family of three – including her 21-year-old college going son – were passionate trekkers. She and her husband have been trekking for more than 20 years, she added.

She said she just returned from a trek in Uttarakhand just a few weeks ago.

"We were both IT professionals and we really enjoyed being out in nature. We started with walking the trails along the forests around Bengaluru. Soon, we really got sucked into this hobby," said Sarjapur. It came to a point where the couple decided to quit their jobs and pursue trekking professionally.

"My husband in fact volunteers at the KMA. So, it is not like this trip was on his bucket list or anything. It's just that opportunity presented itself and he decided to go for it," said Sarjapur.

It is the same with Sujata and Vinayak Mungarwadi, described by their friend Prakash Rajagoli as a couple who were absolutely devoted to each other. The couple were among the nine who died.

"They have been trekking for more than six years now. As far as I know, it started for them when they went on pilgrimage to Srisailam temple in Andhra Pradesh. They also talked a lot about their trekking trip to Kashmir's Great Lakes. My friend Vinayak is a two-wheeler freak too and undertook many biking trips as well," said Rajagoli.

But unlike the Mungarwadis, Sarjapura said she and her husband had consciously decided not to go on bigger trekking expeditions together.

"You see, this is all a calculated risk. One never knows what might happen. In fact, if you ask me, everything in life comes with a risk, you just have to be prepared as much as you can," said Sarjapura. However, Satheesan said things might have been different if people were taught at least in theory some survival skills in the face of snowstorms and blizzards.

"I think it is the duty of the associations that organise such trekking trips to prepare the trekkers for eventual extremities, especially the weather," said Satheesh. Sarjapura agrees that her husband, who survived the ordeal, is a trained mountaineer.

But she rejected the contention, being floated in the social media, that it was not the right time for such a trekking expedition in that part of the world.

"It was the perfect time for this trek, in fact my husband said when they were returning to the base camp, it was a glorious sunny day before it turned tragic," said Sarjapura. If anything, Sarjapura said it is another nudge for humans who have messed up nature so bad that weather is going topsy-turvy.

"I believe the blizzard, such a freak one, was so harsh that the jackets and windcheaters were ripped off the trekkers. Apparently, even the bodies started to be swept away in the wind," said Sarjapura. Although she agreed that the growing trend for hiking has opened a Pandora's box with inexperienced and unprepared people wanting to climb higher peaks, she insisted that the Sahastra Tal tragedy was clearly a freak of nature. "The ones who went on this trek were not novices. They planned properly and they had all the gear needed. All we can do now is, learn what we can from this experience and make the next time as safe as possible," added Sarjapura.

Life goes on, agrees Maggie Inbumuthiah, co-founder of Bengaluru-based Happifeet, a firm that organises trekking trips, particularly for women and senior citizens. "I am on my way to Shimla now where a group is joining me for a trekking trip to Rohtang Pass. Initially, when we heard the news, I was worried, but people were keen on continuing the trip," Inbumuthiah told PTI over phone from Delhi airport. **PTI**

Tributes being paid at the mortal remains of trekkers who lost their lives after being caught in extreme weather conditions in Sahastratal, Uttarkashi, on their arrival in Bengaluru on Friday

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–Suma Sarjapur, wife of one of the survivors

BE WARNED

Banks say growing reliance on Big Tech for AI carries new risks

The boom in artificial intelligence will increase banks' dependence on big US tech firms, creating new risks for the industry, European banking executives said.

Excitement around using artificial intelligence (AI) in financial services - widely used already for detecting fraud and money-laundering - has soared since the launch of OpenAI's viral chatbot ChatGPT in late 2022 as banks examine ways to deploy generative AI.

But at a gathering of fintech executives in Amsterdam this week, some expressed concerns that the amount of computing power needed to develop AI capabilities would make banks rely even more on a small number of tech providers.

ING's chief analytics officer, Bahadir Yilmaz, who is in charge of the Dutch bank's AI work, told Reuters he expected to rely on Big Tech companies "more and more going forward", for infrastructure and machinery.

"You will always need them because sometimes the machine power that is needed for these technologies is huge. It's also not really feasible for a bank to build this tech," he said.

"AI requires huge amounts of compute and really the only way that you're going to be able to access that compute (computing power) sensibly is from Big Tech

Banks' dependency on a small number of tech companies was "one of the biggest risks", ING's Yilmaz said, emphasising that European banks in particular needed to ensure they could move between different tech providers and avoid what he called "vendor lock-in".

Britain last year proposed rules to regulate financial firms' heavy reliance on external technology companies, such as Microsoft, Google, IBM and Amazon. Regulators are worried that problems at a single cloud computing company could potentially bring down services across many financial institutions.

"AI requires huge amounts of compute and really the only way that you're going to be able to access that compute (computing power) sensibly is from Big Tech," Joanne Hannaford, who leads technology strategy at Deutsche Bank's corporate bank, told an audience at the Money20/20 conference earlier this week.

AI was top of the agenda at the Amsterdam conference.

The CEO of French AI startup Mistral AI, seen as France's answer to OpenAI, told attendees there were "synergies" between its GenAI products and financial services.

"We see a lot of opportunities in creating analysis and monitoring information ... which is really something that bankers like to do," Arthur Mensch said.

ING is testing an AI chatbot currently used for 2.5% of incoming customer service chats. Asked how long it would be until the chatbot could handle half or more of customer service conversations, Yilmaz said within a year.

In its first statement on AI, the European Union's securities watchdog said last week that banks and investment firms cannot shirk boardroom responsibility and have a legal obligation to protect customers when using AI. It warned that the technology is likely to have a significant impact on retail investor protection. **Reuters**

Antitrust enforcers will investigate leading AI companies

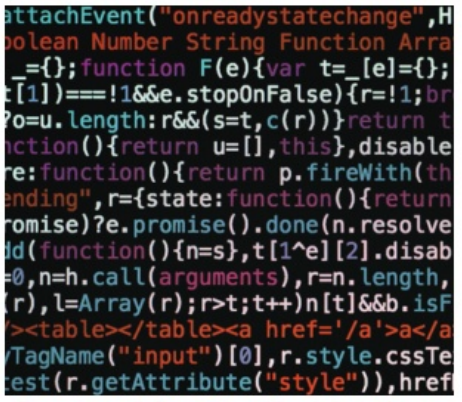
US antitrust enforcers have decided to investigate the roles Microsoft, Nvidia and OpenAI have played in the artificial intelligence boom, according to people familiar with the pending actions.

The Department of Justice will launch an investigation of chipmaker Nvidia, while the Federal Trade Commission will scrutinise close business partners Microsoft and ChatGPT-maker OpenAI, according to two people who were not authorised to publicly discuss details of the investigations and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Nvidia and OpenAI declined to comment Thursday. Microsoft didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The New York Times was first to report Thursday on a deal between antitrust regulators at the two agencies.

Emboldened by President Joe Biden's push for tougher scrutiny of Big Tech's business practices, federal officials have signalled for more than a year that they've been watching out for monopolistic behaviour in the rapidly advancing industry of chatbots and other generative AI products that can produce human-like text, imagery and sound.



Demand for its AI chips has led Nvidia's stock to soar, surpassing $3 trillion in market value

Lina Khan, chair of the FTC, said in January that the agency would scrutinize deals that "enable dominant firms to exert undue influence or gain privileged access in ways that could undermine fair competition".

The FTC said at the time it was opening an inquiry into the relationships between leading artificial intelligence startups such as OpenAI and Anthropic and cloud computing providers such as Amazon, Google and Microsoft that have invested billions of dollars into them.

Microsoft's relationship with OpenAI has been particularly close, supplying the smaller San Francisco company with the vast computing resources needed to train generative AI systems like ChatGPT.

The entire AI industry has also relied heavily on Nvidia's specialised semiconductors to power AI applications. Demand for its AI chips has led Nvidia's stock to soar, surpassing $3 trillion in market value Wednesday and making it one of the most valuable companies in the S&P 500. **AP**

BITS & BYTES

VULNERABLE ANDROID

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) warned users of vulnerabilities in Android which could allow an attacker to get sensitive information, gain elevated privileges and cause denial-of-service (DoS) conditions on the targeted system.

The affected software includes Android versions 12, 12L, 13, and 14. "These vulnerabilities reported in Android can be exploited by an attacker to get sensitive information, gain elevated privileges and cause a denial of service condition," said the advisory. **-IANS**

IN-CAR NAVIGATION

Tesla released a software upgrade for its in-car navigation system in China on Friday, introducing new features such as displaying lane markings on its maps that correspond to the actual lanes on the road.

The company announced the update on its official WeChat account along with a series of new features added in the latest over-the-air upgrade that it claimed would reduce users' reliance on smartphone applications while driving.

Tesla did not specify the provider of the lane-related mapping service while the official Shanghai Securities News reported on Friday that Baidu is the map supplier. **Reuters**

LYNCH OFF THE HOOK

Mike Lynch, once hailed as Britain's king of technology, has been cleared of charges alleging he orchestrated a fraud and conspiracy leading up to an $11 billion deal that turned into a costly albatross for Silicon Valley pioneer Hewlett Packard.

The not-guilty verdicts reached Thursday by a jury followed an 11-week criminal trial that delved into the history of HP's 2011 acquisition of Autonomy, a business software that Lynch founded and then oversaw as CEO in Britain. HP at first celebrated the purchase as a huge coup but quickly came to regret under its then-CEO Meg Whitman. **AP**

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All you need to know about...

Sleep anxiety

Mind racing
A common challenge shared by many, sleep anxiety manifests as a nagging worry or unease about slipping into slumber and maintaining it. "It's like your mind is racing with thoughts, making it hard to relax and drift off into dreamland," says counsellor Archana Singhal. There can be specific triggers or underlying factors that contribute to this phenomenon. "For instance, stressors from work or school, concerns about life events, or even unexplained nervousness," explains our expert. "Additionally, factors such as excessive caffeine consumption, screen usage before bedtime, or an irregular sleep schedule can contribute to sleep anxiety." A few tips to overcome it:

Bedtime routine
Try to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day, even on weekends. This helps regulate your body's internal clock.

Relaxing environment
Make your bedroom a cosy and comfortable space for sleep. Dim the lights, turn off screens, and try calming activities like reading or listening to soothing music before bed.

Limit vices
Avoid drinking caffeinated beverages like coffee or tea in the afternoon and evening, and try to avoid screens like phones, tablets, and computers at least an hour before bed.

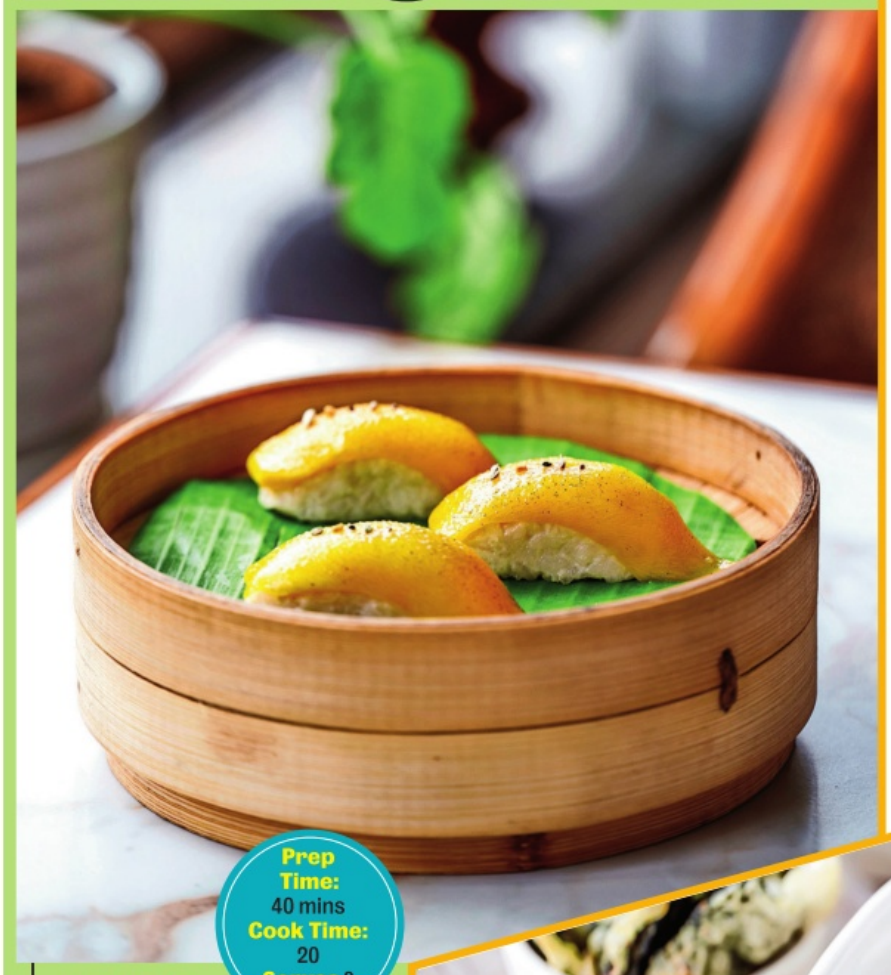
Relaxation techniques
Deep breathing, meditation, or progressive muscle relaxation can help calm your mind and body before bed. The best way is to try different relaxation techniques to find what works best for you.

Professional help
If sleep anxiety is severely impacting your daily life, don't hesitate to reach out to a counsellor or therapist for support and guidance. They can help you explore underlying causes and develop personalised strategies to manage sleep anxiety effectively.

—Femina

MIX & MATCH

When different flavours meet, something new happens



Prep Time: 40 mins
Cook Time: 20
Serves 8

MANGO CHUTNEY NIGIRI

INGREDIENTS
- 2 of your Favourite Mango – I like using Gulab Khas or a Ratnagiri mango
- 1/2 Cup of a nice sticky rice varietal
- 1 cup coconut milk
- A few pinches of Paanch Phoron
- 1 tsp of citric acid
- 2 tsp of caster sugar

METHOD
- Gently simmer the coconut milk and paanch phoron in a saucepan for 5 mins and strain. Boil the rice with some water and the coconut milk until well cooked. It's okay if it's a little overcooked, we are appealing to childhood nostalgia here rather than a Sushi Omakase. Peel the mango and cut them in thin and horizontal slices. Shape the rice into small balls and place a few slices of Mango on top. Using your thumb, index and middle finger shape them into the signature Nigiri shape. Grind the citric acid and sugar into a fine powder and using the tea strainer, gently dust each piece of Nigiri before serving on a platter.

Prep Time: 30 mins
Cook Time: 30
Serves 4

JHINGE POSTO NOODLES

INGREDIENTS
For the sauce:
- 2 ridge gourd peeled and chopped into cubes.
- 3 – 4 ridge gourd peeled and chopped into cubes.
- 2 tbsp Posto or poppy seed ground into a thick paste.
- 1/2 tsp haldi
- 2 tbsp cold pressed mustard oil
- 1 tsp kalonji seeds
- 2 green & dried red chilli
- salt to taste

To prepare the final pasta:
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp cold pressed mustard oil
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds toasted on a dry pan

METHOD
- To prepare the sauce, smoke the mustard oil and temper with the kalonji and chilli. Add the chopped up gourds and saute for a few mins. Add the posto paste and haldi, continue to saute for a few more minutes. Deglaze the kadhai with a cup of water and let the vegetables and posto braise. Once the vegetables are well cooked take the sauce of the heat and strain the contents into a wide double strainer. Press it through along with some of the pulp of the cooked gourds.
- Put this sauce into a separate pan and bring to a simmer. Add the vegetable noodles and integrate them to the sauce. Stir in the oil and butter until the sauce looks silky and the noodles well coated.
- Serve in bowls along with a sprinkle of toasted posto.

Prep Time: 40 mins
Cook Time: 30
Serves 4

BIULIR DAAL & NORI BHAJA

INGREDIENTS
- 1/2 cup Urad dal, split and skinless, roasted gently on a dry pan and then prssure cooked.
- 1 tsp fennel seeds ground to a fine paste.
- 2 tbsp Ginger Paste
- A few spoons vegetable oil
- 2 pc bay leaves
- 3 pc dried red chilli
- 2 pinches of hing
- 3 pc green chilli
- 2 tbsp ghee (ideally a brown bengali ghee)
- Salt & Sugar to taste

For the Nori Jhuri Aloo Bhaja
- Your favourite salted or spiced Salli from a local farsan/ hot chips outlet
- 2 Nori sheets roasted
- Sea Salt

METHOD
- Start by tempering oil with half the fennel and ginger paste, green & red chilli, bay leaves and hing. Add a splash of water so that the spices don't burn. Braise the mix for a few minutes before adding the boiled dal along with a few pinches of sugar. Simmer for 5-10 mins and then add the remaining ginger and fennel paste. Boil for another 5 mins before serving piping hot drizzled with ghee.
- For the Nori salt, lightly toast the seaweed and grind with sea salt in a spice grinder. Toss your matchstick potatoes in the salt.
- You can either have this as a soup and crouton combo. Or be decadent and have it with steam bhaat and some more ghee.

Recipe by Chef Auroni Mookerjee, Visiting Chef, Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel & Convention Center

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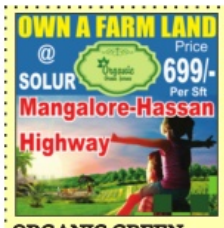

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Heavy rain in M'rashtra & K'taka, heat wave in Northwest India: IMD

Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over Maharashtra, coastal and northern Karnataka during the next five days while a fresh spell of heat wave conditions is likely to commence over Northwest India from June 9, according to an IMD forecast issued on Saturday.

Heat wave conditions are likely to continue over parts of East and East-Central India, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh during the next five days, the IMD said.

The weather bulletin also said that the Southwest monsoon on Saturday advanced into some more parts of Central Arabian Sea, southern Maharashtra, Telangana, and some parts of southern Chhattisgarh, southern Odisha, and coastal Andhra Pradesh.

Workers pluck green chillies amid rains at Byrapura, in Chikmagalur district, on Saturday.

Conditions are favourable for further advance of Southwest monsoon into the remaining parts of Central Arabian Sea, some more parts of Maharashtra (including Mumbai), and Telangana during the next 2-3 days, the IMD forecast said.

Fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) are likely over Konkan and Goa, central Maharashtra, Marathwada, Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep, while isolated light to moderate rainfall is likely over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry during the next five days.

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Isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim from June 8-12, the IMD said.

Orange alert in Kerala

With Kerala continuing to receive incessant rains due to the Southwest monsoon, the India Meteorological Department on Saturday issued an 'orange alert' for five districts in the state predicting very heavy rains there. The southern district of Pathanamthitta and northern districts of Kozhikode Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod were placed under the orange alert for the day, according to the latest IMD update.

The weather agency also issued a 'yellow alert' for eight districts of the state, warning of heavy rains in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur and Malappuram. **IANS**

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I, Abdulrahman s/o Visweswaran Nilakandan R/a at No E1501, NCC Urban Mayfair, Doddaballapura Main Road, Yelahanka New town, Bengaluru-560064, Karnataka. I have changed my name to Sriram Visweswaran. Vide Affidavit dated on 08/06/2024. Sworn before Notary V Anjanappa Bangalore.

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No wonder city's trees are reeling under neglect

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commitments. We will call for the next meeting soon," said Sivasankar S, Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Circle.

Under KPTA, the Tree Authority is expected to meet at least once in three and conduct its business as described. The quorum to constitute a meeting should be one-third of the total number of its members.

Important duties

City-based environmentalists say that TA has many other important duties such as the development and maintenance of nurseries, overseeing plantation and transplantation of trees due to infrastructure projects, etc.

"The authority is also expected to assist private and public institutions in plantation and preservation of trees, apart from maintaining a certain number of trees considered necessary according to the prescribed standards on roads, in public parks and gardens and on the banks of rivers or lakes, etc. Such schemes and measures are to be taken by TA from time to time. To ensure that it delivers its duties, it is vital for the committee to meet as frequently as possible," said a city-based environmentalist.

A reliable source told BM, "Even though the members met in October last year, it was only to meet the requirement under KTPA. The functions were not fulfilled and there were no deliberations."

As per the rules, the state government should notify the TA, consisting of five members, for each urban area. Members of TA include the president of the city's municipal corporation, the Deputy Conservator of Forests or his nominee, the District Horticultural Officer having jurisdiction, Municipal Commissioner or the Chief Executive Officer, and one member of the Municipal Corporation. The government also appoints one of the members to be the chairman.

"Chairman of Bengaluru's TA is the conservator of forests of Bengaluru circle. The authority is also supposed to have an expert member. TA plays an important role in maintaining the city's green cover. In the absence of regular meetings, it is impossible to perform its functions and carry out its duties under KPTA," said an environmental activist.

Black spot eraser plan

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BBMP requires 3/4th acres. According to the officials, the operation of the large waste transfer station in Ejipura has reduced the requirement for 15 compactors. The existing compactors that transfer waste on roads can carry up to 10 tonnes at a time. This has also significantly reduced mixed waste entering the landfills.

"The existing compactor system does not have a monitoring system and lesser accountability. There is no system gauging the quantity of waste collection and transfer.

The auto tippers arriving at the large waste transfer station can be scanned for the source of waste (both ward and block-wise), tonnage, and segregation of waste. Further, it is moved to a static compactor that pushes the compressed waste into a capsule.

The leachate is simultaneously compressed and loaded. Once the capsule fills up, the hook loader vehicle drops it onto another vehicle that has a capacity of 20 tonnes," said a senior official.

The system has also drawn more accountability and prevented 3-4 tonnes of waste from being dumped into landfill sites. According to the official, once the transfer station is operationalised, the local compactors will be stopped from operation and only auto tippers entering the transfer station will be permitted.

Marriage on her mind

... Or Shraddha really knows how to pique her fans' curiosity

Shraddha Kapoor left fans swooning as she shared a series of stunning photos on her Instagram. Dressed in a blush pink suit adorned with intricate white embroidery, Shraddha looked as ethereal as ever. The ensemble, paired with statement earrings, flowing tresses, and subtle makeup, accentuated her natural charm.

However, it was her playful caption that sparked curiosity among fans.

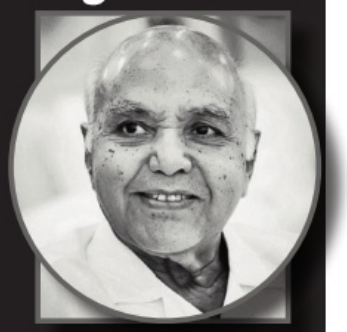
In a humorous tone, Shraddha wrote, "Acchi lag rahi hun, Shaadi kar lun ???" (I'm looking good; should I get married??). This lighthearted remark hinted at the possibility of marriage, leaving fans speculating about her relationship status.

Rumors have been circulating for some time about Shraddha Kapoor's alleged relationship with Rahul Modi, the writer of her upcoming film, 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar.' The speculation gained traction when Shraddha and Rahul were spotted together in Mumbai on July 3, 2023, reportedly enjoying a dinner date. While Shraddha Kapoor's caption may have been tongue in-cheek, it has certainly fueled speculation about her personal life. Fans eagerly await further updates from the actress. —ETimes

Ramoji Rao : 1936 - 2024

All bid adieu to media baron Ramoji Rao

Condolences pour in from all quarters as Rao passes away at 88



The Chairman of Eenadu Group of Companies, Ramoji Rao, breathed his last at a private hospital in Hyderabad where he was admitted on June 5 due to breathing problems.

According to family sources, he passed away at 4.50 am. Ramoji Rao was the founder of the largest circulated Telugu daily 'Eenadu', 'ETV' group of channels and Ramoji Film City. His body was shifted to his residence in Ramoji Film City. Born on November 16, 1936, in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh, he launched the Telugu daily Eenadu from Visakhapatnam on August 10, 1974. In a short span of time, it became a leading daily.

The news of Ramoji Rao's death shocked the media and entertainment industries and politicians alike. Condolences poured in from a cross-section of society. The Telangana government has decided to conduct the last rites of Ramoji Rao with state honours.

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed shock over the Eenadu Group Chairman's death and directed officials to make arrangements for his cremation with state honours.

Revanth Reddy described Ramoji Rao's death as an irreparable loss to Telugu journalism and media industry. He said that Ramoji Rao gave credibility to Telugu journalism and values to the industry.

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President N. Chandrababu Naidu, who is set to take oath as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, expressed his shock and profound grief over the passing away of Ramoji Rao.

Recalling his association with Ramoji Rao of four decades, the TDP chief said that Ramoji Rao had carved a niche for himself in the media domain with his courage to fight for truth and uncompromising values. "He is an inspiration to me in fighting problems. Sri Ramoji's suggestions and advice were always valued in providing good policies to people," Naidu posted on X. Former Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu, megastar Chiranjeevi and leaders of various political parties and film personalities condoled the death. —IANS

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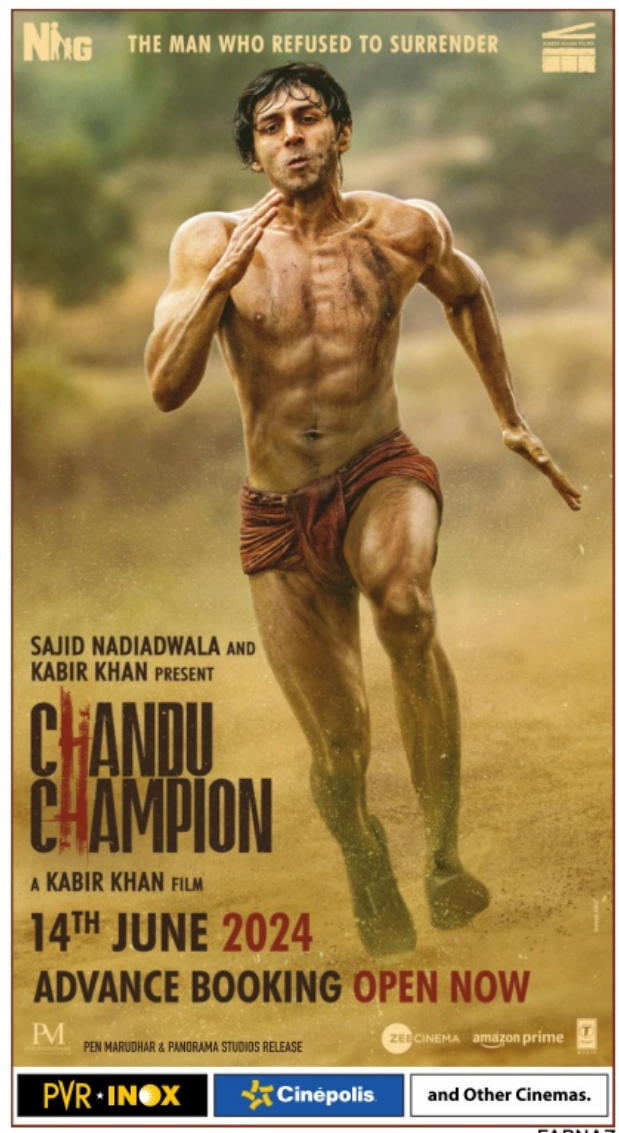

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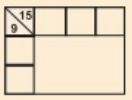
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$[\sqrt{21+(\sqrt{13+(\sqrt{7+(\sqrt[4]{x-1})})})}] = 5$

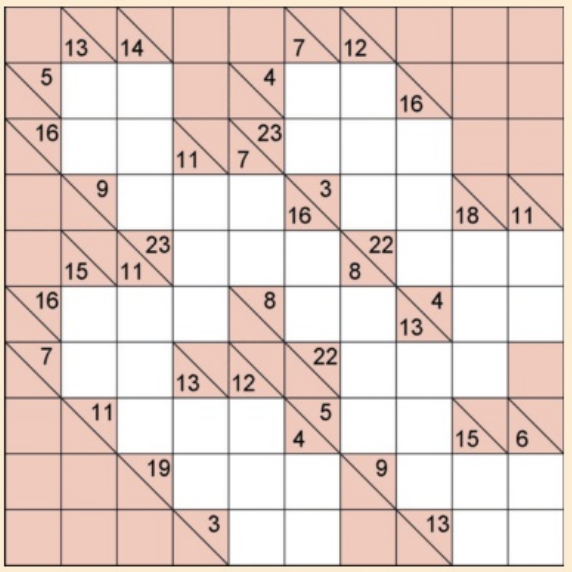
x = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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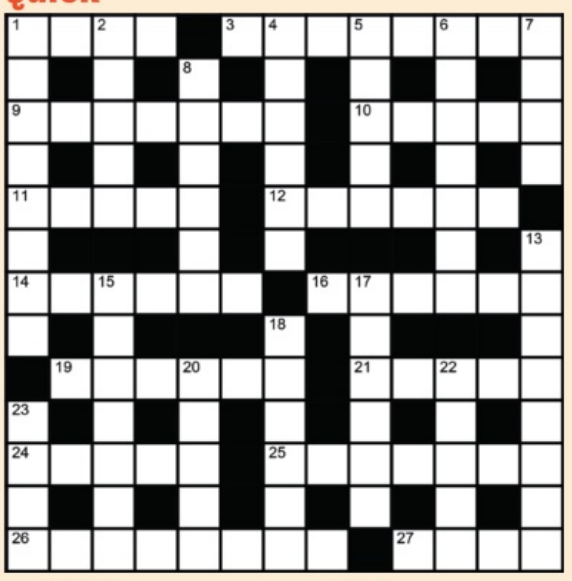


ACROSS

1 Elephant's tooth (4)
3 Eliminate or discard something undesirable (3,3,2)
9 Blood disorder (7)
10 Reside (5)
11 Ecuador's capital (5)
12 Unemotional (6)
14 Be emphatic (6)
16 Illusion in the desert (6)
19 Cave (6)
21 Excessive (5)
24 Inexpensive (5)
25 Counts on or relies on (7)
26 Heeding (8)
27 Poverty or want (4)

DOWN

1 Peaceful (8)
2 Guru in our country (5)
4 Slip by; pass away (6)
5 Wireless set (5)
6 Ms Padukone of Bollywood (7)
7 Supply abundantly (4)
8 Cover with knobs or studs (6)
13 Freed (8)
15 An excess (7)
17 Falls near Rajiv Gandhi National Park (6)
18 Flash ___ : comic strip hero? (6)
20 Subject (5)
22 Move rhythmically (5)
23 Glance over (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS T

TZIFMHIFT MAF AFXBM TFFT YAXM HT HLNHTHQOF MZ MAF FJF.

Linemaro

Would you touch me so I can tell my friends an angel touched me?

Mindchow

Good work ain't cheap; cheap work ain't good

Joke of the day

When people go underwater in scary movies, I like to hold my breath and see if I would have survived that situation. I almost died in Finding Nemo.

Loop

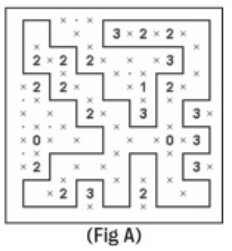
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

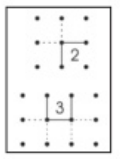
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

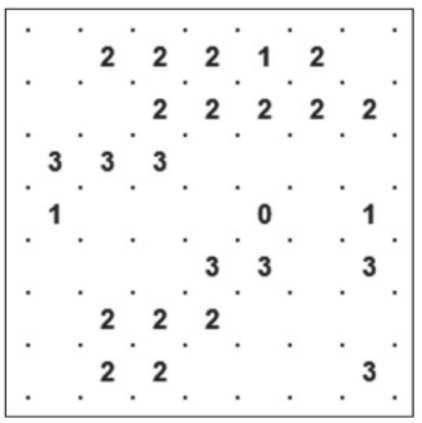
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



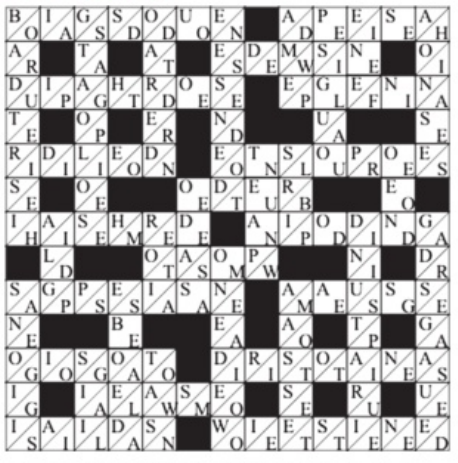
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



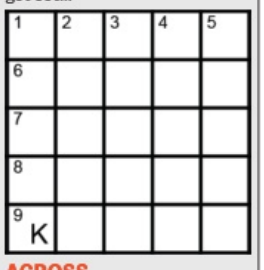
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

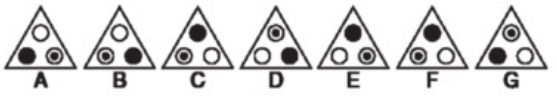
1 Plats; 6 Avert; 7 SOS Al; 8 Set HC; 9 OK sud

DOWN

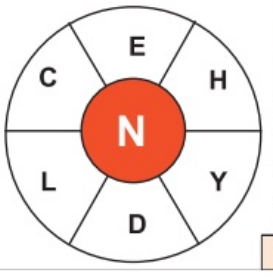
1 T sock; 2 Rah up; 3 Lades; 4 Via so; 5 Stets

Mensapuzzle

Which does not belong in this sequence?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		3					1	6
			2					
7	6	8	4		3			9
	1		3			2	5	
		2				4		
	5	9			4		7	
9			6		5	8	3	7
					9			
6	8					9		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10

4 5 6 7

Medium = 13

1 2 3 6

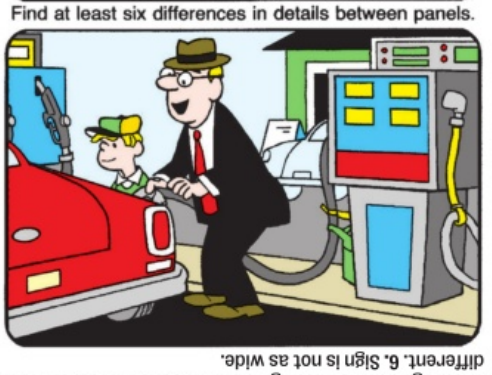
Hard = 4

3 3 8 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



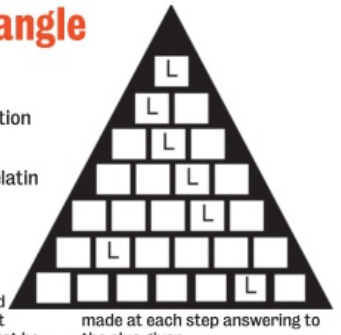
Differences: 1. License plate is smaller. 2. Hose is different. 3. Garage door is missing. 4. Car wheel is moved. 5. Nozzle is different. 6. Sign is not as wide.

Riddler

What has wings but can not fly. Is enclosed, but can outside also lie. Can open itself up or close itself away. Is the place of kings and queens, And doggerel of every means. What is it upon which I stand, Which can lead us to different lands?

Alpha triangle

1 Litre
2 Note to follow so
3 Barley brew
4 Business transaction
5 Relative extent
6 Part of sentence
7 Soluble case of gelatin



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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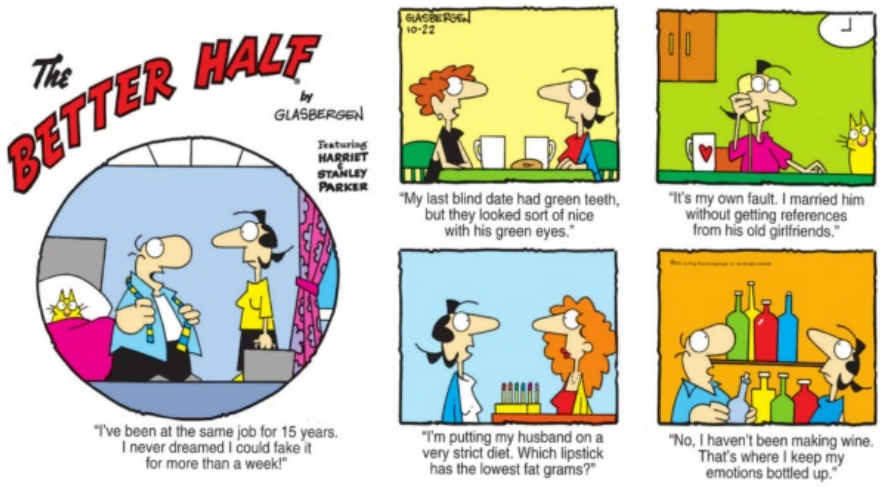
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"I've been at the same job for 15 years. I never dreamed I could fake it for more than a week!"
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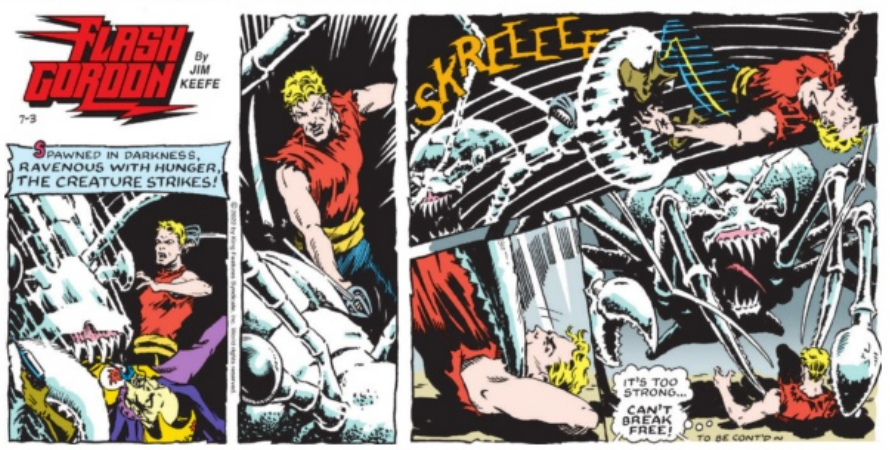
"My last blind date had green teeth, but they looked sort of nice with his green eyes."
"It's my own fault. I married him without getting references from his old girlfriends."
"I'm putting my husband on a very strict diet. Which lipstick has the lowest fat grams?"
"No, I haven't been making wine. That's where I keep my emotions bottled up."

AURA, IS SHE..?
NOT YET, BUT SHE WILL BE IF HELP DOESN'T ARRIVE SOON.
AAAAAAAAAAA!
THAT SCREAM...
IT'S COMING FROM THE TRAPDOOR THAT FLASH AND MING FELL THROUGH...
SOMETHING IS DOWN THERE WITH THEM!



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. The messy situation of the last few days is now under control. You may initiate your postponed work. With this blessing, you may get rewarded for your hard work. There are gains in your business, which may boost your savings. You may spend money on artifacts or literature, and you may also plan to travel overseas.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull and might face health issues, which could affect your professional and domestic life. You are likely to be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Running projects may stop without any reason. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects; otherwise, you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and should work hard on their studies.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy at work and likely explore extra sources of income, which may boost your bank balance. You may take an interest in artifacts, movies, and glamour, which may improve your creativity. Love birds can convert their relationship into marriage. Students may now progress towards their career goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy, and old health issues may be cured now. The amount that was stuck somewhere may likely be recovered. You may also apply for a loan to buy some luxury items. Additionally, you may be able to control your opponents.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel very dull, making you lazy and careless. You are likely to be unfocused at work, and impatience may pull you down negatively. You should avoid making investments in assets. Kids' and your spouse's health may upset you. Love birds should avoid making arguments in family matters. Students are advised to study in depth to succeed in their exams.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, the moon is negative, and you may find negative vibrations around you, which may upset you. You are advised to avoid making investments in worthless assets. You should avoid having high expectations of people at work, home, and in society, as it may further upset you. It is recommended to follow your intuition before making important decisions today.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by your elders. You may be able to implement business plans successfully with the help of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-togethers, which may boost your network. You are likely to go on short business-related travels, which may bring benefits in the near future. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day; your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may have control over your spending on worthless items, which may boost your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversations with their partners to avoid conflicts.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, making it a good day for you. You have good vitality and energy, which you may enjoy at work. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project, and your perfection may help you design the flowchart. Job aspirants will find a good job. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance; otherwise, you may face losses due to your speech when talking with anyone. Love birds should be careful in discussions on worthless topics, as it may lead to a breakup in the relationship.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and new sources of income may likely open. Your past investments will now start paying off in terms of profits. Your losses will convert into profits, boosting your financial health. Health issues related to parents may be resolved.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be very happy and busy at work. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You may likely have some changes in your place, position, or responsibilities at work, possibly resulting in a promotion. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may make important decisions regarding marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

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SOLUTIONS

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x=[9−7]⁴+1
x=[2]⁴+1
x=16+1
x=17

BULL'S EYE
deny, dyne, lend, lynch, LYNCHED

FAST FIVE

S	P	L	A	T
T	R	A	V	E
O	A	S	I	S
C	H	E	S	T
K	U	D	O	S

STRIKE OUT

S	I	L	A	S	■	W	I	T	S	E	N	D	■	■
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QUICK

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G	I	G	O	T	■	D	I	T	T	I	E	S	■	■
A	P	P	E	A	S	E	■	M	A	S	S	E	■	■
■	L	■	T	A	M	P	■	N	■	R	■	■	■	■
H	A	S	H	E	D	■	A	I	D	I	N	G	■	■
S	■	E	■	O	D	E	R	■	O	■	■	■	■	■
I	D	L	E	D	■	E	N	S	U	R	E	S	■	■
T	■	P	■	E	■	D	■	A	■	R	■	E	■	■
U	P	A	T	R	E	E	■	E	L	F	I	N	■	■
B	A	S	S	O	O	N	■	A	P	I	S	H	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
C: Working clockwise the dots swap places two at a time, starting with the black circle and the circle with the dot.

QUOTE UNCODE
Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye.

RIDDLER A stage

SUDOKU

2	4	3	9	5	8	7	1	6
1	9	5	2	7	6	3	4	8
7	6	8	4	1	3	5	2	9
4	1	6	3	9	7	2	5	8
3	5	9	8	2	4	6	7	1
8	7	2	5	6	1	4	9	3
9	2	1	6	4	5	8	3	7
5	3	4	7	8	9	1	6	2
6	8	7	1	3	2	9	4	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, La, Ale, Sale, Scale, Clause, Capsule.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 − 6 + 4 + 7 = 10
Medium
2 x 2 + 1 + 6 = 13
Hard
3 x 3 + 3 − 8 = 4

LOOP

KAKURO

■	■	2	1	■	3	■	■	4
■	3	1	2	6	9	■	■	■
4	1	3	■	16	■	■	■	■
5	4	1	■	23	■	■	■	■
■	9	7	6	8	9	■	■	■
■	6	2	1	3	1	2	9	■
■	9	6	8	9	6	8	4	■
■	8	9	6	1	4	6	1	■
■	1	4	■	19	7	9	3	■
■	7	6	1	9	■	1	6	2
■	9	1	7	8	■	4	2	1
■	3	2	1	4	■	3	1	2
■	■	4	9	2	3	5	9	8
■	■	■	7	1	2	5	8	9
■	■	■	3	■	1	2	6	3

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